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1 conclusion," when you're trying to coach the 10:19:20

2 witness. 10:19:21

3 BY MR. COSTA: 10:19:21

4 Q But anyways, sir, you can go ahead 10:19:22

5 and answer with your lawyer's objection noted. 10:19:24

6 MS. JENSEN: And I disagree with 10:19:26

7 your objection. 10:19:28

8 Okay. Go ahead. 10:19:28

9 A I wrote the definition in my first 10:19:29

10 report. Can I refer to it? Do you have it 10:19:32

11 here? 10:19:35

12 Q Absolutely. 10:19:36

13 MS. JENSEN: Do you have a copy 10:19:37

14 of the original report? 10:19:37

15 MR. MARSHALL: We do. 10:19:39

16 MS. JENSEN: Again -- 10:19:39

17 MR. COSTA: We'll mark this as 10:19:39

18 Exhibit 2 to the Feinstein rebuttal deposition. 10:19:40

19 (Feinstein Exhibit 2 marked for 10:19:43

20 identification.) 10:19:43

21 MS. JENSEN: Court Reporter -- 10:19:49

22 if you don't mind, Madam Court Reporter, if we 10:19:49

23 can just make sure these are all Feinstein 10:19:53

24 exhibit numbers? 10:19:56

25 THE REPORTER: (Nods.) 10:19:57

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1 MS. JENSEN: Okay. I just don't 10:19:57

2 want our record in the case to become murky. 10:19:58

3 A Well, for the record, I just want to 10:20:19

4 point out this is not the entire report. It's 10:20:21

5 the text of the report without the exhibits. 10:20:23

6 I have a -- in the table of 10:20:32

7 contents, Section VI(A) is entitled "Efficient 10:20:33

8 Market Defined." 10:20:38

9 The bolder heading above that, 10:20:39

10 Section VI, is "Marketing Efficiency Definition 10:20:42

11 and Assessment Methodology." This section 10:20:43

12 begins on page 16 of my report -- my first 10:20:47

13 report. 10:20:49

14 Beginning on page 16, I provide 10:20:53

15 a number of definitions from the literature and 10:20:55

16 from prior court cases. 10:20:59

17 Q Could you just in your own words say 10:21:01

18 what -- how you would define "market 10:21:04

19 efficiency"? 10:21:07

20 A Well, I was just explaining that I 10:21:09

21 did that. 10:21:10

22 Q Right. 10:21:11

23 But you just can't -- I mean, 10:21:11

24 you're an expert in this field, right? 10:21:13

25 A Yes. 10:21:15

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1 Q You can't just explain in regular 10:21:16

2 words your definition of "market efficiency"? 10:21:19

3 MS. JENSEN: Objection. Asked 10:21:24

4 and answered, actually, in the first 10:21:24

5 deposition, precisely this question. So I 10:21:26

6 object on that basis. This is beyond the scope 10:21:28

7 of this deposition. 10:21:31

8 Secondly, Doctor, you should 10:21:32

9 answer as you see fit, including the fact that 10:21:33

10 you've already submitted to the court your 10:21:35

11 reports on this matter. 10:21:37

12 A Yeah, I recall these exact same 10:21:40

13 questions in the first deposition. 10:21:42

14 Q But you can't recall your answers in 10:21:43

15 the first deposition, it sounds like; is that 10:21:45

16 right? 10:21:47

17 MS. JENSEN: Objection. 10:21:47

18 Argumentative. 10:21:48

19 A No, that's not right. 10:21:48

20 Q Well, then tell me the answer. 10:21:49

21 A Well -- 10:21:51

22 MS. JENSEN: Objection. Asked 10:21:52

23 and answered. 10:21:53

24 MR. COSTA: It hasn't been 10:21:53

25 answered. 10:21:54

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1 A What I was going to say -- 10:21:55

2 MS. JENSEN: It was answered in 10:21:56

3 the first deposition. You should go back and 10:21:57

4 read that deposition. 10:21:58

5 BY MR. COSTA: 10:21:59

6 Q How much are you charging per hour, 10:22:00

7 Dr. Feinstein, in this case? 10:22:02

8 MS. JENSEN: Which question 10:22:11

9 would you like him to answer? 10:22:12

10 MR. COSTA: Well, since he 10:22:14

11 didn't want to answer the other ones -- 10:22:15

12 Q How much are you charging per hour? 10:22:17

13 A I just want -- for the record, I'm 10:22:18

14 perfectly willing to answer it. I was about to 10:22:19

15 answer it. 10:22:21

16 Q But you need to look at the report to 10:22:21

17 give a definition of "market efficiency"? 10:22:23

18 MS. JENSEN: Objection. 10:22:26

19 Argumentative. Misstates. 10:22:27

20 MR. COSTA: Well, I'll note for 10:22:29

21 the record he asked for his old report. He is 10:22:30

22 thumbing through it and still unable to provide 10:22:32

23 an answer to the question of "Give a definition 10:22:35

24 of 'market efficiency.'" 10:22:39

25 MS. JENSEN: Objection. 10:22:40

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1 Counsel, that is completely inappropriate. 10:22:40

2 He's going to refer to his 10:22:43

3 report, and your baiting the witness this way 10:22:45

4 is completely inappropriate. 10:22:48

5 MR. COSTA: You can provide 10:22:50

6 commentary all day long. Maybe we will be here 10:22:51

7 until 6:30. 10:22:55

8 A Well, what I do want to say about the 10:22:57

9 definition is that I chose the words carefully 10:22:59

10 in my report. You have those words, and I just 10:23:01

11 want to make sure that I'm as careful with my 10:23:04

12 answer here at the deposition as I was when I 10:23:06

13 was writing the report, which is why I wanted 10:23:09

14 to refer to my report, not that I couldn't give 10:23:11

15 an off-the-cuff definition. 10:23:14

16 But to be sure that it would be 10:23:16

17 precise, correct, concise and accurate, I would 10:23:20

18 want to use the words that I chose when I wrote 10:23:24

19 the report. 10:23:27

20 And your answer -- the answer to 10:23:30

21 the second question is in paragraph 16, \$1,050 10:23:31

22 per hour for my work and a range of lower rates 10:23:35

23 for analysts and other personnel who assisted 10:23:38

24 me. 10:23:40

25 Q So what is the accurate, precise 10:23:42

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1 definition of "market efficiency" that you take 10:23:49
2 in your work in this case? 10:23:52

3 MS. JENSEN: Objection. Form. 10:23:55

4 A Paragraph 65 is where we should be 10:24:00
5 looking, of the first report. It's, "An 10:24:05
6 efficient market... is a market in which 10:24:08
7 publicly available information is incorporated 10:24:11
8 into the price of a security such that trading 10:24:13
9 price" -- "such that the trading price reflects 10:24:15
10 publicly available information with reasonable 10:24:19
11 promptness." 10:24:21

12 Q And if you can now look -- go back to 10:24:25
13 Exhibit 1, which is your rebuttal report, and 10:24:26
14 look at -- it's the one in the binder, sir. 10:24:31

15 A I know. 10:24:33

16 Q Look at I think page 4. It's 10:24:37
17 paragraph 16. 10:24:39

18 In paragraph 16, you state that, 10:24:45
19 "If a market reacts to new information rather 10:24:47
20 than ignores that information, that market is 10:24:50
21 informationally efficient." 10:24:54

22 Do you see that in your report, 10:24:56
23 sir? 10:24:57

24 A Well, that's -- that's one sentence 10:24:58
25 within a wider -- a broader paragraph that 10:25:00

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1 begins with the words, "An informationally 10:25:02
2 efficient market is one in which value-relevant 10:25:05
3 information is impounded into the security 10:25:08
4 price with reasonable promptness." 10:25:10

5 Then it continues -- I continue. 10:25:12
6 "If a market reacts to new information rather 10:25:14
7 than ignores that information, that market is 10:25:16
8 informationally efficient." 10:25:18

9 So the second sentence is more 10:25:20
10 about how you would test for efficiency, how 10:25:21
11 you know if a market's efficient, and the first 10:25:24
12 sentence here that I read -- and, more 10:25:27
13 importantly, the paragraph in my first 10:25:29
14 report -- is the definition. 10:25:31

15 Q So you described that second 10:25:33
16 sentence, which is the one I read, as basically 10:25:35
17 providing a test for determining market 10:25:37
18 efficiency. 10:25:40

19 Can you give an example of a 10:25:41
20 price reaction that would be inconsistent with 10:25:44
21 an efficient market? 10:25:50

22 MS. JENSEN: Hold on a second. 10:25:53
23 I'm just going to object to the extent that the 10:25:54
24 preamble misstates anything. 10:25:56

25 Go ahead. 10:25:58

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1 MS. JENSEN: Objection. 11:00:41

2 Misstates. 11:00:41

3 A They've come back to me with 11:00:44

4 examples, and I'll look at it and say there's a 11:00:46

5 good chance you're right that that stock meets 11:00:49

6 that -- those criteria and the price seems to 11:00:51

7 be wrong, so it would be fundamentally 11:00:58

8 efficient. That's what you're looking for if 11:01:01

9 you're trying to beat the market. 11:01:04

10 So I've opined -- I've never -- 11:01:05

11 yeah, I've opined that they've come back with 11:01:07

12 examples of stocks that appear to be 11:01:09

13 inefficiently priced, over-the-counter, pink 11:01:11

14 sheet stocks, local, small, not covered with 11:01:14

15 any analyst coverage, no volume, that sort of 11:01:16

16 thing. 11:01:19

17 Q Can you remember the names of any of 11:01:19

18 those stocks? 11:01:21

19 A No. 11:01:23

20 Q And you've never on your own without 11:01:25

21 these students given any examples, identified 11:01:27

22 such a stock, correct? 11:01:32

23 A Well, maybe I have. I'd have to 11:01:39

24 think hard about that, but I can tell you that 11:01:41

25 these examples are extremely rare because of 11:01:44

25 example on your own of an inefficient -- stock 11:02:45

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1 in an inefficient market, but -- 11:02:52

2 A That's not what I said. I just want 11:02:54

3 to make sure that's -- I didn't say that. 11:02:56

4 Q Tell me what you said. 11:02:58

5 A I said I might be able to recall a 11:02:59

6 time when I've agreed with a student that the 11:03:01

7 stock they have found was priced inefficiently. 11:03:03

8 Q So on your own, you've never observed 11:03:05

9 that phenomena? 11:03:08

10 A No, I just said that I did. A 11:03:11

11 student would bring to me an example after 11:03:14

12 doing that research, and I -- I think it has 11:03:16

13 occurred -- I know it has occurred where I said 11:03:19

14 I think I agree with you. I think you found an 11:03:21

15 anomalously priced stock. 11:03:24

16 But, I mean, the stocks that 11:03:27

17 they bring back are small, local, no analyst 11:03:29

18 coverage, no volume, pink-sheet-type stocks. 11:03:32

19 That's where you're going to find the 11:03:35

20 anomalies. 11:03:36

21 Q It was a bad question. 11:03:37

22 Forgetting when your students 11:03:39

23 came to you with an example, have you on your 11:03:40

24 own ever looked at movement of a stock price 11:03:44

25 and determined it was not an efficient market? 11:03:46

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1 MS. JENSEN: Objection. Asked 11:03:52
2 and answered. 11:03:52

3 A I'm going to answer that question, 11:03:56
4 but I'm also going to -- at a -- 11:03:58

5 I found examples where I've told 11:04:01
6 people I don't think I would be able to prove 11:04:04
7 it is efficient, but I also can't prove it's 11:04:06
8 inefficient. That's what I've done. 11:04:11

9 Q What are those examples? 11:04:13

10 A I don't recall as I sit here now, but 11:04:15
11 that happens. It happens from time to time, I 11:04:18
12 mean, with some regularity. 11:04:21

13 And, again, it's usually a small 11:04:22
14 stock, micro cap, no analyst coverage, not 11:04:26
15 listed on an exchange, no volume, that sort of 11:04:28
16 thing. 11:04:31

17 But I would say looking at those 11:04:31
18 factors, maybe it's trading efficiently. But 11:04:33
19 no one's going to be able to prove it, 11:04:40
20 including me. 11:04:43

21 Q Have you ever testified in connection 11:04:44
22 with a pending litigation that a market was 11:04:46
23 inefficient for a stock? 11:04:49

24 MS. JENSEN: Again, I'm going to 11:04:53
25 object. This is -- certainly could have been 11:04:54

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1 A Oh, there are impacts. I've observed 12:01:20
2 impacts. 12:01:24

3 And taken in the context that 12:01:25
4 Cassava is -- was in an interesting situation, 12:01:27
5 this is -- this is not surprising that the 12:01:31
6 price moved this much. 12:01:34

7 As I explain in my report, 12:01:36
8 Cassava was a stock that could be worth -- 12:01:37
9 well, in the company's CEO's own words, it 12:01:40
10 could be the next, what did he say, Google? 12:01:43

11 It could be the next Google, you 12:01:45
12 know, which is a trillion-dollar stock, or it 12:01:48
13 could go to zero, depending on whether or not 12:01:52
14 their drug worked. 12:01:55

15 So there was a wide range of 12:01:56
16 potential valuations, and the market was 12:01:58
17 working to figure out which one it should be, 12:02:01
18 the high valuation or the low valuation. 12:02:08

19 And when a signal comes out that 12:02:11
20 the insiders are buying, that's going to send 12:02:12
21 the stock up. 12:02:15

22 MR. COSTA: Object as 12:02:15
23 nonresponsive. 12:02:16

24 Q Do you remember what the question 12:02:17
25 was? 12:02:18

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